

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on March 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 603, 3/11/2015; HB 604, 3/12/2015

00:00:00 Chair Lavin

HEARING ON HB 603

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 603, Increase maximum daytime speed limit on certain interstate highways.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:53 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
00:06:23 James Moody, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:07:24 Anna O'Donnell, American Automobile Association Mountain West (AAA Mountain West)
00:10:03 Jean Belangie-Nye, self
00:11:06 Joe Stone, self
00:12:29 Sally Carlson, self

Informational Testimony:

00:13:10 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State
00:15:17 Dwane Kailey, Department of Transportation (DOT)
[EXHIBIT\(trh58a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:45 Rep. Garner
00:17:32 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State
00:18:17 Rep. Cook
00:18:27 Rep. Wittich
00:19:01 Rep. Wilson
00:19:59 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:20:36 Rep. Wilson
00:21:16 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:21:47 Rep. Curdy
00:22:20 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:22:47 Rep. McKamey
00:23:39 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:23:50 Rep. McKamey
00:24:11 Rep. Wilson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:36 Rep. Wittich

00:27:25 Chair Lavin

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:29 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 604, Create a pilot program to maintain and repair shared-use trails.

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a04\)](#)

00:35:56 Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a05\)](#)

00:37:01 Rep. Greef

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:32 Clint Carlson, self

00:39:58 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a09\)](#)

00:42:52 Mary Cheryl Beebey, self

00:43:44 Jean Belangie-Nye, Bike Walk Alliance for Missoula

00:46:20 Gene Townsend, Headwaters Trail System, and Bike Walk Montana

00:49:54 Joe Stone, Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.

00:52:18 Kristi Drake, Billings TrailNet

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a10\)](#)

00:54:14 Taylor Lonsdale, self

00:58:15 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

00:59:31 Sally Carlson, self

01:00:41 Rep. Tom Steenberg, HD 99

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:59 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

01:04:12 Jon Swartz, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:02 Norma Nickerson, University of Montana (UM)

[EXHIBIT\(trh58a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:21 Rep. Cook

01:15:40 Jon Swartz, DOT

01:15:42 Rep. Cook

01:15:44 Jon Swartz, DOT
01:15:46 Rep. Cook
01:15:50 Jon Swartz, DOT
01:15:58 Rep. Wilson
01:16:34 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)
01:17:12 Rep. Wilson
01:17:17 Lynn Zanto, DOT
01:17:45 Rep. Wilson
01:18:07 Rep. Curdy
01:19:15 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
01:20:27 Rep. Cook
01:20:40 Ronda Wigger, MCTA
01:20:45 Rep. Cook
01:20:52 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
01:21:05 Rep. Garner
01:21:30 Rep. Greef
01:21:46 Jon Swartz, DOT
01:22:08 Rep. Garner
01:22:12 Jon Swartz, DOT
01:22:27 Gene Townsend, Headwaters Trail System and Bike Walk Montana
01:23:01 Rep. Garner
01:23:08 Gene Townsend, Headwaters Trail System and Bike Walk Montana
01:23:46 Chair Lavin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:51 Rep. Greef

01:31:03 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:32:15

Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh58aad.pdf](#))